Delhi Development Authority

1061. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URABAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of Delhi Development Authority;

(b) how far has DDA achieved those aims and objectives;

(c) whether the entire burden of the DDA infrastructure is included in the prices of the Flats sold to the registrants;

(d) if so, the justification thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to take off the construction of flats from DDA and to create a Housing Corporation for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN): (a) The objectives of DDA are:—

(i) To formulate a Master Plan for covering the present and future growth of Delhi and to promote and secure the Development of Delhi according to the plan covering all the possible activities;

(ii) To acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land and other properties;

(iii) To carry out building, engineering, mining and other operations;

(iv) To provide services and amenities incidental to the above.

(b) (i) DDA formulated Master Plan 1962 and the same has been revised and new Master Plan with perspective upto 2001 has also been formulated. All development in Delhi done as per the Master Plan as envisaged in the aims and objectives.

(ii) DDA has uptill now acquired about 60,000 acres of land for planned development of Delhi.

(iii) DDA has by now constructed one million dwelling units in Delhi.

(c) No, Sir. Only prorata cost of the expenditure incurred on the development of infrastructure is recovered from the allottees of flats, the remaining cost being recoverable from allottees of commercial and industrial space in Delhi.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The National Housing Policy lays emphasis on the State agencies giving up construction of houses, except for weaker sections. In the context of the National Housing Policy and the approach to involve the private sector a greater extent in the construction of houses, a view has been taken that no separate housing Board is neceassary.

Construction of Panchratna-Guwahati Rail line

1062. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Panchratna Guwahati new rail line construction is progressing at snail's pace which causes cost escalation;

(b) whether Government would monitor the progress of its work so that it can be completed within 1995-96; and

(c) what are the reasons for neglecting the much needed rail route in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The progress is being constantly monitored. However due to co-sharers not having come forthwith their share of funds in time and some unforeseen geological problems in the bridge pier foundations for 17th & 18th pier, the